

I urge the FCC to adopt the National Plug & Play Cable Television standard as set forth by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association and the Consumer Electronics Association, while including reasonable protections of Fair Use recording rights for consumers. The FCC should:

1. Adopt the national Cable Television Plug & Play standard
2. Ban "Selectable Output Control" on private home networks
3. Ban "Downresolution" of HDTV and EDTV content
4. Protect reasonable Fair Use recording rights for consumers

With the adoption of this standard the transition to digital television (HDTV) should proceed more smoothly and at a quicker pace because consumers will be more confident that the purchases they make of digital television viewing and recording products will not be made obsolete by the arbitrary decisions of corporate executives or politicians and will be easy to setup and use with digital cable television.

Thank you for your time.